

Jardiniere socks

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These socks are inspired by my plant babies who I often struggle to keep alive but adore having dotted around the home. Unlike my complicated house plants, these socks are easy to make. Knit from the top down starting with a ribbed cuff, Jardiniere socks have a section of simple stranded colorwork on the leg and a no wrap short row heel. The foot is knit stockinette and the toe is finished by grafting stitches together. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 9-inch circulars or dpns). And no amount of over watering will damage your Jardiniere socks! (sadly unlike the plants in my house). This pattern is designed exclusively for my Domestika tutorial.

Sizing

To fit (foot circumference): 19 - 21 (21.5 – 23.5, 25.5 – 27.5) cm / 8 (9, 10 ½) inches

Finished circumference: 17.5 (20, 24.5) cm / 7 (8, 9 ½) inches

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) of negative ease. For your foot circumference, measure around the widest part of your foot. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size.

Leg/foot length can be easily adjusted. See instructions for details.

Sample shown is knit in size 2 for shoe size US 8.5 (EU 39, UK 6), foot circumference 22.cm (8 ½ inches).

MATERIALS

Yarn – Fingering weight 4ply sock yarn

Madelinetosh Twist Light – 75% Superwash Merino wool and 25% nylon. 384m / 420yds per 50g.

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this sock pattern, as long as you can obtain the same gauge.

Shown in

MC: Celadron (pale blue). 210m / 230yds - 35g

CC1: Madonna (red). 106m / 116yds - 20g

CC2: Malmo (green). 21m / 23yds - 8g

CC3: Coffee 9m / 10yds - 5g

Needles

For ribbing and stockinette: 2.25mm (US 1), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle (as preferred).

For colourwork: 2.5mm (US 1.5), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle (as preferred).

Important note: Do check your gauge for fitting. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down needle sizes.

GAUGE

34 sts x 38 rnds = 4 inches (10 cm) for colourwork.

36 sts x 44 rnds = 4 inches (10 cm) for ribbing and stockinette.

Notions

1 Stitch marker, scissors, tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

When knitting stranded colourwork, be consistent with how you hold the yarns. The yarn used to knit the contrast pattern should always cross below the yarn knit for the background colour at the back of your work. Be sure to knit the floats loosely. Do not twist/catch your floats too often or this will create an inelastic fabric. I recommend leaving 9 sts between twisting/catching floats for colourwork socks. The colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR = Beginning of the round

CC = Contrast colour(s)

Dec'd = Decreased

Inc'd = Increased

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop

MC = Main colour

M1L = Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you have just worked and the one you are about to knit, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch. (When used in the heel section, pick up the bar in the gap between the SSK and the next stitch on the left needle, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch)

M1p = Make 1 purl (used in the heel section). Pick up the bar in the gap between the P2tog and the next st on the left needle, bringing the left needle from the front to the back. Then purl through the back of the loop.

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

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PM = Place marker

Rpt(s) = Repeat(s)

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right Side

Sl1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle.

SSK = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip next stitch knitwise, knit slipped stitches together.

St(s) = Stitch(es)

WS = Wrong Side

INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with MC and 2.25mm (US 1) needle. Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. PM for BOR. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing Rnd: *K1, P1; repeat from * to end.

Work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 12 rnds (approximately 2.5cm or 1 inch).

LEG

With MC and needle size 2.5mm (US 1.5) or needle size to achieve gauge in colourwork, knit 1 rnd.

Work following increase rnd:

Size 1: *K14, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts inc'd. 60 sts total.

Size 2: *K8, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: *K6, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts inc'd. 84 sts total.

Knit 1 rnd with MC

Work Rnds 1–34 of the colourwork chart on pg. 8, joining CC1, CC2 and CC3 where shown. (More chart options are provided within the course or you can use your own charted design)

from the template provided!). The chart is knit 5 (6, 7) times per rnd. After Rnd 12, cut CC1, after Rnd 22 cut CC2 and after Rnd 29 cut CC3. Rejoin CC1 on Rnd 32 and cut after completing Rnd 34.

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

Work decrease rnd with MC and 2.25mm (US 1) needles:

Size 1: *K13, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. 4 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.

Size 2: *K7, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

Size 3: *K5, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. 12 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

Knit 2 more rnds with MC. (You can knit more rnds to make a longer leg if you wish but please be aware that this will require more yarn than specified).

SHORT ROW HEEL

Using CC1, size 2.25mm (US 1) needle and Needle 1 only, working back and forth, you will now work the heel instructions for your size.

Size 1 only (28 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, K26, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked).

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P25 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K24 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P23 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K22 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P21, (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8 five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P7, turn work.

You should have 8 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K6, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1Lp st, picking up under the P2tog st (do not twist st), turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K8, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P9, P2tog, M1Lp, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K24, SSK, M1L, turn work.
Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P25, P2tog, M1Lp, turn work.
Row 41 (RS): Sl1, K26, K1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 2 only (32 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, K30, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked).
Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P29 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.
Row 3: Sl1, K28 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.
Row 4: Sl1, P27 (1 st before the gap), turn work.
Row 5: Sl1, K26 (1 st before the gap), turn work.
Row 6: Sl1, P25 (1 st before the gap), turn work.
Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.
Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8 five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.
Row 20: Sl1, P11, turn work.

You should have 12 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K10, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.
Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, M1Lp picking up under the P2tog st (do not twist st), turn work.
Row 23: Sl1, K12, SSK, M1L, turn work.
Row 24: Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1Lp, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K28, SSK, M1L, turn work.
Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P29, P2tog, M1Lp, turn work.
Row 41 (RS): Sl1, K31

Continue to Foot section.

Size 3 only (36 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, K34, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked).
Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P33 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.
Row 3: Sl1, K32 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.
Row 4: Sl1, P31 (1 st before the gap), turn work.
Row 5: Sl1, K30 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P29 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8 six more times.

Row 21: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 22: Sl1, P13, turn work.

You should have 14 purl sts in the centre and 11 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 23 (RS): Sl1, K12, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap). M1L, turn work.

Row 24 (WS): Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1Lp, turn work.

Row 25: Sl1, K14, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 26: Sl1, P15, P2tog, M1Lp, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 16 more rows.

Row 43 (RS): Sl1, K32, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 44 (WS): Sl1, P33, P2tog, M1Lp, turn work.

Row 45 (RS): Sl1, K35.

Continue to Foot section.

FOOT (ALL SIZES)

Cut CC1 and join back in the round with MC. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

Knit rnds for the foot with MC until your sock is 3 (4, 4.5cm) / 1 ¼ (1 ½, 1 ¾) inches from your desired finished length.

Cut MC.

Continue to the toe instructions.

TOE

Your stitches should now be placed equally on Needles 1 and 2, remove the BOR stitch marker. Needle 1 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the top of your foot.

With CC1 and Needle 1, knit 14 (16, 18) sts. Now place the BOR st marker after these sts. This should be in the middle of the sts on Needle 1 at the bottom of your foot.

Set-up rnd: Knit one more rnd with CC1 to the BOR st marker.

Rnd 1 (decrease rnd):

Needle 1: Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;
Needle 2: K1, SSK, Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;
Needle 1: K1, SSK, Knit to BOR.

4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Rpt Rnds 1–2 until 20 sts remain on each needle (40 sts in total).

Continue knitting only Rnd 1 (dec every rnd) until 10 sts remain on each needle (20 sts in total).

Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, join remaining sts using the Kitchener Stitch.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy.



COLOURWORK CHART

